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Salt Lake County man repays State income tax obligations following felony conviction

A Salt Lake County man found guilty of felony tax-related offenses in 2008 has paid off his entire restitution obligations to the State of Utah.

Richard Fail, 64, has repaid \$33,487 in back taxes, penalties and interest to the State of Utah. He was convicted in 2008 by a 3rd District Court jury of a second degree felony and a third degree felony count for failure to file tax returns.

“The facts brought out at the trial showed that Mr. Fail had filed false or improper documents with Utah and refused to comply with state tax laws,” said Charlie Roberts, Utah State Tax Commission spokesman.

At his sentencing, Fail was placed on probation, ordered to pay his restitution obligations and serve 200 hours of community service.

The Tax Commission received full restitution payment from Fail this week.

“Tax Commission officials and State prosecutors acknowledge the importance of compliance and resolution,” Roberts said. “The State continued to work with this individual who has now fulfilled his responsibility and corrected his past mistakes.”

State prosecutors and investigators will review this matter further in order to consider lowering the defendant's conviction record in light of these developments, Roberts added.

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